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IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

GERD JONAS ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 1771 *2/4*

SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION : :

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FOR: ABSORBENT INSERTS, METHOD:
OF PRODUCING THEM AND
THEIR USE : *11/12/01*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-21 without prejudice to their further presentation in a Continuation application.

Please add the following new Claims:

22. (New) An absorbent insert for a packaging, comprising:
a top and a bottom covering layer; and
a core which absorbs an aqueous liquid and includes an absorbent polymer;
wherein the absorbent polymer has a quotient $Q_{SAP\ 0,3}$ calculated from retention and absorption under a pressure of 0,3 psi (21 g/cm²) and from an amount of a soluble ratio of at least 20 and a retention of at least 22 g/g.

23. (New) The absorbent insert of Claim 22, wherein the polymer has a $Q_{SAP\ 0,3}$ of at